



Appln. No. 09/763,523
Amendment dated Dec. 9, 2003
Response to Office Action of June 9, 2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jiro Nagaoka et al.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 10, 2003, having been extended for three months so as to expire December 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.

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